

LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM

RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET

	CRITERIA	RANK
1	Project site protection status	
2	Project is within “ <i>core habitat</i> ”, the “ <i>supporting natural landscape</i> ”, “ <i>riparian areas</i> ” or “ <i>critical supporting watershed</i> ” as designated by the Massachusetts BioMap and Living Waters projects	
3	Project overlaps with the priority habitats database maintained by the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program	
4	Degree of imperilment of at-risk species identified as potentially benefiting from proposed project	
5	The number of at-risk species that would potentially benefit	
6	Project likely to successfully meets the attributes of a restored ecosystem	
7	Likelihood that the restored natural community would be naturally sustainable or maintained through active management	
8	Is the proposed project planned at an appropriate scale to achieve conservation goals	
9	Juxtaposition to other similar habitat patches and those located adjacent to or within other similar habitats	
10	Land is open to public hiking, hunting or fishing	
11	Has applicant received funding before?	
12	Length (in years) of management plan	
13	Amount of Match	
	Total	

A RESTORED ECOSYSTEM

Each natural community restoration project will be evaluated to determine if it successfully meets the attributes of a restored ecosystem

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Likelihood of Successful Restoration	
Restored ecosystem will consist of indigenous species to the greatest practicable extent;	
Proposed budget is detailed and itemized showing the cost of the work needed to be done to achieve ecosystem goals	
Restored ecosystem will be capable of sustaining reproducing populations of the species necessary for its continued stability or development in the future	
Restored ecosystem is self-sustaining to the same degree as a comparable reference ecosystem.	
TOTAL	